



United States Senate

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Dear Colonel Green:

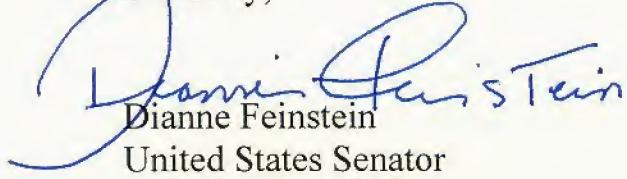
I write today concerning the possibility of using underutilized federal property at the Army Reserve facility at 5161 Sepulveda Boulevard to temporarily house homeless persons.

I'm aware that you have been on a conference call with representatives of the City of Los Angeles, including Councilmember David Ryu, and my staff. I'm also aware that, on the call, you agreed to provide access to the site for a preliminary assessment. However, in response to coordinate a visit, you informed city officials and my staff that you will not grant access to the site until 2019 and that we cannot further have this conversation after that visit.

I understand that you are concerned that the Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) standards may preclude the underutilized property from being used as a temporary homeless shelter. However, the City of Los Angeles faces a humanitarian crisis; more than 31,000 homeless individuals can be found sleeping on the streets any given night. We must, and can, do better. To get there, every level of government needs to devote more resources and establish public-private partnerships to combat homelessness.

To that end, I urge you to allow the City's staff to view the site within the next two weeks. I also strongly encourage you to discuss the matter with the City's staff to fully investigate whether or not the ATFP standards are an insurmountable barrier, or not.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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